

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/254) - 457 Visas - Education Visa Consultative Committee - Programme 2.3:
Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Has the Education Visa Consultative Committee met following the announcement of the governments proposed abolition and replacement of the 457 visa?

When?

Were the issue of 457 visas and other government reforms discussed?

What feedback was received from members of the EVCC?

Answer:

Yes. The Education Visa Consultative Committee (EVCC) met on 2 June 2017 for its second quarterly meeting this year.

Yes. The Department provided an overview of the changes associated with the abolition of the Temporary Work (Skilled) (subclass 457) visa and the citizenship reforms. This information was noted by EVCC members.

With regard to the 457 changes, members asked about the specific arrangements for regional Australia, the process for updating the occupation lists and the ongoing consultation process.